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Good morning commissioners,

My name is Simon Davis and I am currently employed by the Bloomfield Group as a Production Superintendent. I have worked within the mining industry for the past 25 years and have been employed by Rixs Creek since the beginning of this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally submit my support for Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300.

As the production superintendent I and my team of Open Cut Examiners and production workers are responsible for the health, safety and environmental compliance for our Rix's Creek Operations.

During my time at Bloomfield I have witnessed the commitment to minimising the effect our operations have on the wider community and the environment. I have worked for a number of mines in the Hunter Valley and Queensland and by far Rix's Creek as the most proactive environmental monitoring system I have seen.

This system enables us to proactively modify the operation at any time throughout the day or night. This is achieved through active monitoring by our environmental officers continually conducting on and off site noise levels checks and proactively feed this information back to the operations personnel so we can make changes to the mining operations and ensure we stay below our compliance levels.

I strongly believe that this project should be approved as the progression of mining is away from Singleton and has a minimal increase in disturbance footprint. Careful consideration has been given in the mine design to minimise and mitigate environmental, health and social impacts on the local communities surrounding the mine site.

We are committed to generating high quality and timely rehabilitation following as close as possible to our active mining areas. This allows for pasture establishment and active cattle grazing land use as per our current practices. This generation of timely high quality rehabilitation allows us to keep our disturbance footprint and airborne dust to a minimum.

The Bloomfield group are proudly Australian owned, and have been operating successfully for the past 80 years. We are active in supporting local community organisations and charities. As a proud employee I thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this project and look forward to the continued operations at the Rix's Creek Mine.

Thankyou

Simon Davis

Rix's Creek Mine